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"'The hearths of clay which Anderson noticed at Adventure Bay, at the foot of trees hollowed out thus [by fire], are not, I believe, the work of the natives; for the trees which we saw rooted up and thrown down, had dragged along with them layers [couches] of clay mixed with stone, so hardened by the fire that one could easily have been deceived and taken them for masonry. The natives, indeed, use these hearths to broil their shell-fish; fragments of shells have been found among the ashes at the foot of these trees' (Rossel, I. ch. iv. p. 63). With reference to the hearths La Billardière states (I. ch. v. pp. 175-176): 'Most of the large trees near the edges of the sea have been hollowed near their roots by means of fire.... They seem to be places of shelter for the natives whilst they eat their meals. We found in some of them the remains of the shell fish on which they feed, and frequently the cinders of the fires at which they had dressed their victuals.... Anderson speaks of hearths of clay made by the natives in these hollow trees...; but... the natives of this country do not make their fires upon hearths, but kindle them upon the bare ground, and prepare their victuals over the coals.' Back-house says (p. 79): 'They daily removed to a fresh place, to avoid the offal and filth that accumulated about the little fires which they kindled daily.'"